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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT: DISCRIMINATORY REQUESTS

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED THREE BOYCOTT-RELATED REPORTS WHICH ARE DEEMED TO BE DISCRIMINATORY IN NATURE FROM USDOC AND WHICH ARE REPORTED HERewith FOR APPROPRIATE EMBASSY ACTION.

2. FOLLOWING PUBLICATION IN THE JTA DAILY NEWS BULLETIN OF MARCH 16, 1976, OF A NEWS REPORT THAT THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS HAD PURCHASED SHARES IN GENERAL MOTORS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TEXACO, AND INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER, THE KUWAITI ISRAEL BOYCOTT OFFICE, THROUGH THOSE FIRMS' REPRESENTATIVES IN KUWAIT, REQUESTED FROM EACH OF THE FIRMS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: A.) THE VALUE OF SHARES HELD BY THE AJC IN RELATION TO THE TOTAL SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY, AND B.) THE NUMBER OF PERSONS REPRESENTING THE CONGRESS ON THE COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

3. SUCH REQUESTS APPEAR CONTRARY TO THE ANNOUNCED GOK POLICY THAT RELIGION OR CREED HAS NO PLACE IN THE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL. U.S. FIRMS ARE PROHIBITED BY USDOC REGULATIONS FROM PROVIDING INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO BOYCOTT-RELATED REQUESTS CONCERNING RELIGION OR TAKING ANY OTHER ACTION WITH EFFECT OF DISCRIMINATING AGAINST U.S. CITIZENS OR FIRMS ON THE BASIS OF RELIGION. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO APPROPRIATE GOK OFFICIALS TO 1.) ASK BASIS FOR GOK (I.E. BOYCOTT OFFICE) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT FIRMS' ASSOCIATION WITH RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION (I.E. AJC), 2.) REQUEST THAT GOK HALT FURTHER ACTION ON OUTSTANDING REQUESTS (U.S. FIRMS ARE PROHIBITED BY EXISTING REGULATIONS FROM RESPONDING TO ANY BOYCOTT-RELATED REQUESTS AS TO AFFILIATION OF FIRMS OR PERSONS WITH RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS) AND 3.) SEEK ASSURANCES OF GOK ACTION TO PREVENT RECURRENCE OF DISCRIMINATORY REQUESTS.

4. AJC IS A TAX EXEMPT RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION. SHOULD BOYCOTT OFFICE SEEK TO JUSTIFY ITS REQUESTS ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE AJC IS ENGAGED IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST THE ARAB BOYCOTT, SUCH REQUESTS ARE STILL CONTRARY TO U.S. POLICY AND RAISE INHERENT DIFFICULTIES IN TERMS OF DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN RELIGIOUS AND NON-RELIGIOUS PURPOSE OF REQUESTED ACTION.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTED PURSUE THIS ISSUE AS MATTER OF PRIORITY CONCERN. FULL REPORTING ON GOK RESPONSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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